

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001. memo	To: Carol H. Rasco from Bruce N. Reed re: Read before 5:30 DPC mtg. (1 page)	05/09/94	P5

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
Domestic Policy Council
Carol Rasco (Meetings, Trips, Events)
OA/Box Number: 5261

FOLDER TITLE:

DPC Meeting (Roosevelt Room) 5-9-94 5:30-6:30

Rhonda Young
2010-0198-S
ry1179

RESTRICTION CODES

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E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

09-May-1994 04:51pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Bruce N. Reed
Domestic Policy Council

CC: Rosalyn A. Miller
CC: Jose Cerda, III

SUBJECT: READ Before 5:30 DPC mtg

Kathi and I will have to miss the DPC mtg. We've got Specs mtgs at HHS well into the evening.

Ron Klain called to say that he thinks it would be a mistake for him to do a crime bill update at this time. He says Justice is in the midst of delicate efforts to soothe Brooks's anger and embarrassment, and anything that stirs up the Cabinet to get more involved just now would do harm.

He would prefer that you give them a simple message instead: First, thanks to the Cabinet for such hard work in passing the Assault Weapons ban through the House. It was a remarkable achievement for the President, and the all-out administration-wide push really helped. Second, the assault weapons victory has complicated our crime bill conference strategy a little, and we are working with House and Senate leaders to get everyone back to the table as soon as possible.

Third, Ron would like you to announce that once the House and Senate staff begin to meet to make way for the crime bill conference, he will personally conduct a daily conference call for the chiefs of staffs of all the affected agencies, to make sure they're up-to-date on all developments. (This apparently was Christine's suggestion. Ron says he'll regret it later, but he doesn't really have a choice.)

He isn't planning to come unless you think he needs to be there. His number is 514-8641 if there's a problem. Or you can beep me. Thanks.

Second, the assault weapons v

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001. memo	To Carol H. Rasco from Jeremy D. Benami re: Funding for Homeless Survey (2 pages)	09/21/94	P5

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Clinton Presidential Records
Domestic Policy Council
Carol Rasco (Meetings, Trips, Events)
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FOLDER TITLE:

Extra Copies: PACT Meeting CHR 22 Sept. 1994 6:00-7:15

Rhonda Young
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

21-Sep-1994 10:26am

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Jeremy D. Benami
Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: Funding for Homeless Survey

FYI

There is a long-standing issue rearing its head again relating to the need to do a national survey of homeless people focusing on the characteristics of the population and their utilization and need for various types of services from medical to mental health, etc. There is a great deal of interest from almost all federal agencies, national advocates and academic researchers in such a study, which has never been conducted. There is particular interest in establishing a benchmark so that changes over time in the needs and characteristics and the impact of services can be measured.

There is no interest on anyone's part in turning this into a national "count" of the homeless. The numbers issue benefits no one and was dealt with sufficiently in the federal plan.

As we enter the FY96 budget cycle, there is interest in providing joint agency funding for such a study, possibly to be led by the Census Bureau which has put a great deal of preparatory work into such a study. Many agencies, HHS, Ag, Education, Labor, VA, etc. are willing to kick in money for the study. The sticking point is HUD which has previously killed all such efforts.

HUD's public position: (1) This will inevitably lead to a count of the homeless and we have to avoid that; (2) We don't need national information since we are moving so strongly to have localities determine their needs and priorities based on local situations; (3) We shouldn't waste money that would otherwise be used to serve people on academic studies.

I (and nearly everyone else in and out of government) disagree. (1) We control whether or not this turns into a "count"; (2) There is a very real need for national data to inform national policy making - and not all localities can afford to gather data independently; (3) Gathering data to inform and evaluate federal policy is not a waste of money but an important part of good policy making.

I believe, personally, that HUD's real concerns are that (1) a study will show that we need to spend a greater percentage of homeless dollars on services than we do now which could lead to a reallocation of some of their budget to services and (2) they are afraid to lose control of any part of the homeless agenda - an interagency funded study would not be firmly under their control.

I recommend that we take a strong position in favor of funding this study. I think a phone call from you to Secretary Cisneros may be required to send the signal that we feel strongly. I have discussed with Jacquie Lawing and with HUD policy folks and most likely cannot move the matter at a staff level.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed. Thanks.

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Domestic Policy Council
Carol Rasco (Meetings, Trips, Events)
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FOLDER TITLE:

Phone Call - Yvonne Burke 25 Oct 1994 2:00 EST

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

24-Oct-1994 05:02pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Kathryn J. Way
Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: RE: Medicaid and California

Carol this has gotten very complicated. There is a "whistleblower" in the California State office who reports the state has submitted false claims and that the County and regional HHS office have worked this deal with the state. This individual has spoken with the HHS IG so things are being worked very carefully. The county supervisor is Yvonne Burke, well thought in democratic circles. She is probably looking for a signal from Leon about whether or not HHS will be helpful on this matter. The dollars at stake are high so I understand she is very nervous. Because California believes HHS is being reasonable on the process and is not complaining about that I don't think you can stonewall on the disallowance decision. I think there are two choices. First, listen to the concerns and pass them along to HHS OR send a signal indicating HCFA will be helpful. If Leon feels like he must send a signal please let me know ASAP so I can call HHS and prepare them. Monahan is currently driving HCFA to make a decision on what we can do and thinks we should not make a decision until after November 8. As I said this is very tangled up and in the worst case scenario we could wind up with a fraud story that involves the HHS regional office as well as the state and county. Let me know if you need more info.

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Clinton Presidential Records
Domestic Policy Council
Carol Rasco (Meetings, Trips, Events)
OA/Box Number: 5857

FOLDER TITLE:

HC Meeting: AHA (EOB 472) 9 Jan. 1995 1:00-2:00 pm

Rhonda Young
2010-0198-S
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

06-Jan-1995 08:11pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Christopher C. Jennings
Domestic Policy Council

CC: Jennifer L. Klein

SUBJECT: communications/political meeting tonight

Carol:

Here's our reporting of tonight's meeting:

1. Bob, George, Bill, Gene, John A., Laurie M., Karen H. (for Harold), Janet M. (for Pat), Jeremy, Jen, and I attended.
2. Consensus still seems to be to keep as quiet as possible with regard to our health care intentions (whether in or out of budget) and to, if needed, refer to Leadership letter and POTUS comments to press and to the bipartisan Leadership. (Although there was a quick toying around by George of possibly considering making the announcement that no new Medicare cuts would be in budget; Bob thought not, George later seem to agree).
3. Everyone seems to be comfortable with our general talking points and how we are coordinating testimony with the Departments.
4. Agreement was unanimous that we needed to schedule the map group meeting to focus primarily on what we are going to say in the State of the Union. (We will try for sometime later next week -- perhaps Thursday). Everyone in attendance seemed to believe that the President should be very strong with his comments re health and lay out a vision similar to that outlined in the Leadership letter. Gene felt that it needed to be more specific; George thought not. Both felt that different approaches should be layed out at the Map Room meeting for the discussion.
5. We raised question about how we respond to non-traditional health reform Republican statements (e.g., like if their health program cuts get leaked out). George felt we should monitor closely and provide quick responses for considerations by higher ups in White House. Gene suggested that that effort be coordinated through him since Leon wants him to be able to quickly respond to all budget-oriented misstatements by the Republicans. (Gene subsequently asked us to help him coordinate through Departments that will be monitoring hearings.)

6. As we discussed the issue of likely deep Medicare and Medicaid cuts, we talked about the advisability of having the next POTUS briefing be specifically on the Medicaid block grant proposals that seem likely to emerge from the Republicans. Everyone, particularly George, felt this was very important. (We think, if you agree to, that we should try to schedule this prior to the Governors' meeting -- perhaps sometime during the week of the 16th?).

Please call if you have any questions. You can reach either one of us, of course, through Signal.

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001. memo	To Jennifer N Palmieri and John C. Angell from Carol H. Rasco re: California and Medicaid (1 page)	02/07/95	P5
002. memo	To Sally Richardson from Donna Eden re: Proposed response to California's reply to deferral of Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) system claims (14 pages)	12/14/94	P5
003. memo	To Julie from Diana re: Scheduling meeting on "California Medicaid Claim" (partial) (1 page)	01/13/95	P6/b(6)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
Domestic Policy Council
Carol Rasco (Meetings Trips Events)
OA/Box Number: 5858

FOLDER TITLE:

California Medicaid Waiver Mtg. 23 Jan. 1995 3-4 p.m.

Rhonda Young
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

07-Feb-1995 03:38pm

TO: Jennifer N. Palmieri
TO: John C. Angell

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
Economic and Domestic Policy

CC: Jeremy D. Benami
CC: Diana M. Fortuna

SUBJECT: California and Medicaid

Leon:

As a follow up to our meeting with Secretary Shalala on the California Medicaid issue I called her this a.m. as she had indicated to you and me that the second IG report (the one in response to the "whistle-blower") would be completed this week. She says she has learned that it will not be completed, possibly not even before the March 2 deadline for giving California a definitive answer on the disallowance. She has asked HCFA to put together a strategy for disallowance to present to us as she feels the IG report will back it once it is out. I have told her we are a bit nervous since there are only three weeks left and that we need to talk strategy long before the midnight hour on March 1.

Please let me know if there is anything further you want me to do other than to check in with her frequently on this matter.

Carol

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FOLDER TITLE:

ONAP Meeting in CoS Office 22 Feb. 1995 1:30=2:00 pm

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Leon Panetta
Carol
We should meet on this
to get it resolved
Leon's Guidance
Jeremy Chappin
at Erskine
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 9, 1995
FEB 10 1995

MEMORANDUM TO LEON PANETTA
ERSKINE BOWLES

From: Carol H. Rasco *CHR*
Subject: Office of National AIDS Policy

Erskine: Thank you so much for your continued help on this!

I want to bring you up to date on some significant issues relating to the Office of National AIDS Policy. This fall, when we agreed to make the Director and Deputy Director members of the White House staff, we understood that both the funding for the office and additional staff would have to be supplied by other agencies. We have encountered significant problems that need to be addressed immediately:

- o We have been unable to finalize arrangements with HHS for funding for either the office or the Advisory Council.
- o We have been unable to bring any additional staff to work for the Office because the agencies have generally been unwilling to provide staff as agency representatives.
- o Without the funding finalized, we have not completed the legal paperwork necessary to establish the AIDS Advisory Council, which therefore has not been named. Public and advocacy pressure on this front is building.
- o Congressional offices are starting to inquire about the funding and status of the office. Senator Burns' office called to find out how it was funded, and Congressman Porter has circulated a letter to his appropriations subcommittee indicating that he is against transferring funds from HHS to run the office.

My staff and Patsy Fleming have been trying for weeks to solve the funding and staffing problems. Erskine Bowles even sent letters to eight selected Secretaries asking them to designate agency representatives by last week. Only one person responded, Shirley Chater from SSA, and she said SSA was "too small to be able to delegate someone." HHS is maintaining it can't find \$300,000 to fund this operation anywhere in its budget.

I raise this to your attention because we are at severe risk of embarrassment and anger from the AIDS community if these problems are not solved soon. My office and Patsy have exhausted our ability to try to make this happen, and we need help from other parts of the White House. These are the steps that need to happen:

1. Someone has to tell HHS to provide the funding. If HHS has a concern about the appropriators, we need to meet as soon as possible and decide what our alternative funding strategy will be. This will be an issue not just for this year but FY96 as well.
2. Somehow Erskine's letters to the Cabinet and agency heads need to be followed up with the strong message that we need them to designate staff now.
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Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Leon
PAT
Carol

we should
meet on
this ~~issue~~ ^{to get a number}
L. Erskine

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



~~Jeremy~~
~~Chapman~~
~~Erskine~~

February 9, 1995

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Leon PAT Carol
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Jeremy checking w/ Erskine
THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 9, 1995
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3. With funding and staffing resolved, the General Counsel's office can finalize the interagency agreements and Charter necessary to set up the Advisory Council. The names have been vetted and cleared and can be announced as soon as the legal paperwork has been complete.
4. We need to get a read from Legislative Affairs as to how serious an issue the funding transfer from HHS to the White House will be - and if necessary consider how we will fund this operation out of the White House budget next year.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

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001. memo	To Julie E. Demeo, Jeremy D. Benami from Diana M. Fortuna re: Meeting on DC waiver (1 page)	04/04/95	P5

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Clinton Presidential Records
Domestic Policy Council
Carol Rasco (Meetings, Trips, Events)
OA/Box Number: 6135

FOLDER TITLE:

DC Waiver Meeting 7 April 1995 5:00-6:00 pm

Rhonda Young
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E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

04-Apr-1995 01:16pm

TO: Julie E. Demeo
TO: Jeremy D. Benami

FROM: Diana M. Fortuna
 Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: Meeting on DC waiver

Julie: Is there any time this week for Carol to meet with HHS on a District of Columbia waiver for disabled kids?

Jeremy: I have struggled to get HHS to get me a coherent answer as to why they won't act on this. Now I have just heard that the Wash Post editorial board has requested an interview with Bruce V. on this, as I predicted to HHS that they would. I think we have real exposure here and HHS is moving at a snail's pace. I feel now like the best solution is just to haul them up in front of Carol and get them to defend themselves -- but maybe I need to haul them up in front of me first, and see if I can avoid taking up her time.

This is something that got a lot of press about six months ago, with the Post doing a negative editorial and the POTUS wanting to know the story. It would put all disabled kids in the district on managed care. The request was received a year ago; HHS thought it was very incoherent, and so gave them a planning grant so that they could do more work on it more last fall. Much of the problem is that the DC government has handed this project off to a high-powered non-profit that is good at getting press. I don't know if they'd be good at serving disabled kids; however, they did get a group of disability advocates to sign a letter endorsing the proposal last month. The next snafu was that the District government sent a letter backing off on its support, but that was quickly followed by a letter from the Mayor saying he totally supported it.

I'm very worried about the press potential here; what do you think? Should we just forward this note to Carol?

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October 11, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR HAROLD ICKES

FROM: Carol H. Rasco 

RE: Meeting with Leon Weiner

I write to inform you of a meeting that I had with Mr. Leon Weiner, a Democratic supporter who is strongly opposed to Administration housing proposals, and who insists on a meeting with the President to discuss his concerns.

Background on Mr. Weiner

Leon Weiner is a longtime Democratic supporter and contributor. He is past president of the National Association of Homebuilders (represents interests of for-profit developers of housing) and is a developer of multifamily housing -- primarily in Delaware -- including many projects that are backed by HUD project-based subsidies. He served on LBJ's 1967 Kaiser Commission that reviewed housing policy. Recently, he was an appointed delegate to the White Conference on Small Business (by Senator Biden) and the White House Conference on Aging (by Governor Carper).

Mr. Weiner works closely with Carl A.S. Coan, Jr., a lawyer who represents the coalition for affordable housing. Coan shares Mr. Weiner's concerns, and attended the meeting as well. He also is an active Democrat; he briefly mentioned these housing concerns to the President at a July 13 dinner at Tom Schneider's house.

Mr. Weiner wrote to Billy Webster in February requesting a meeting with the President. After much persistent correspondence by Mr. Weiner, Billy suggested that Mr. Weiner lay out his concerns to me.

At my meeting with Mr. Weiner he started the meeting and then throughout the meeting repeated that his purpose in seeing me was to get me to advocate for a meeting with the President. I of course made no promises to him. I know full well, however, that he is expecting me to pursue the idea of a meeting. I personally do not see the need for the President to see him, but I do need for you to advise me if there are political reasons this meeting should take place.

Background on Issues

MTM is an extremely complicated issue and I will not pretend to have a grasp on it entirely. But I wanted to give you a sense of the issues and the politics around them.

The two interrelated proposals that Mr. Weiner strongly opposes are Mark to Market and Tenant-Based Assistance.

Mark to Market (MTM) is a HUD proposal to mark down the mortgages of FHA-insured and federally subsidized properties to the market level. At the same time, assistance provided to tenants would be converted to portable vouchers, or "Tenant-Based Assistance."

Under Tenant-Based Assistance, rental subsidies would not be tied to specific buildings, but tenants would be given vouchers (designed to equal the 40th percentile of local market rents). Owners would be free from use restrictions. The theory is that tenants would be "empowered" to choose housing of the type and location that best meets their needs, and owners would be forced to compete for tenants.

HUD and OMB Rationale for Proposals

- MTM is designed to deal with the large and growing costs of renewing expiring Section 8 contracts (HUD estimates the cost at \$4 billion this year and \$14 billion by 1998).
- MTM is necessary because the pressures on discretionary spending can no longer sustain the growing level of rental assistance provided.
- HUD has significant and growing budget and staffing problems that limit their ability to manage their current workload.
- Much of the FHA portfolio is oversubsidized. According to OMB, of the newer properties, 61% have rents that are 120% or more above the FMR; in the older properties, the condition of the stock is deteriorating and the cost to the government is increasing.
- Without reforms (particularly portable vouchers), owners have a captive clientele and, as they see federal assistance disappearing, have little incentive for maintaining their properties.
- MTM will result in savings to the federal government. OMB estimated that MTM would save \$33 billion over 25 years compared to the status quo. (Compared to a future world in which project-based subsidies are not renewed, however, MTM will save \$9-12 billion in today's dollars.)
- Of the 900,000 units (9,000 projects) affected by MTM, only families in 30,000 units will be displaced (OMB assumes that tenants can handle an additional rent burden of 10% of income). Under our proposal, elderly and disabled tenants will have special protections.

How the Industry and Advocates See these Proposals:

As a developer and recipient of Section 8 project-based assistance, Mr. Weiner obviously has a financial interest in the status quo. However, many of the concerns that he and other industry representatives cite are shared by the non-profit and advocate community. In addition, as an old Democrat, Weiner sees MTM and vouchers as an abandonment of Democratic principles, and is angered to have Republicans thanking the Clinton Administration for ideas. Following are some of the concerns cited by industry and advocates:

- MTM will devastate huge amounts of multi-family housing. The Section 8 program was designed to produce affordable housing in areas where private investment is unwilling or unable to develop.
- Rents can be higher in multifamily housing because of FHA construction standards and wage requirements, as well as services that may be offered in elderly housing. MTM will force the private sector out of providing affordable housing.
- Savings are disputed. An initial CBO study questioned our savings, and said that MTM would cost \$4 billion more than renewing expiring Section 8 project-based contracts (OMB says CBO's original estimate was based on a lack of information as well as different scoring conventions).
- Will result in huge disruptions to tenants (the National Association of Homebuilders estimates that 170,000 households would be displaced). Seniors will be particularly vulnerable. Vouchers will be easy for Congress to cut.

- Advocates see our continued push for vouchers as an "academic exercise" that is hurting their efforts to focus members and constituents on the short term budget and longer term fights.

Status

House VA/HUD appropriations action was consistent with our MTM proposal, particularly because it included language that would authorize the conversion of rental subsidies to vouchers. But, as OMB indicates, the House action is only half of our proposal, and this part alone would create enormous problems for everyone.

The Senate included a demonstration designed to test methods of limiting costs for FHA-insured and assisted multifamily properties. The demonstration would, however, merely replace the current oversubsidization of many FHA-insured assisted projects with a more costly approach (a new debt service subsidy to owners that would ensure them a profit regardless of market conditions). According to HUD, the demonstration is unacceptable.

For conference, HUD will propose to renew contracts for one year, but expects to come back with a strong MTM proposal next year.

Bottom Line

- If the Administration is serious about controlling costs, some change is inevitable: There isn't enough money on the discretionary side to renew all expiring Section 8 contracts at the old subsidy level.
- A wholesale adoption by Congress of either our MTM or voucher proposals is unlikely this year.
- These proposals have generated a tremendous amount of antagonism and illwill towards the Administration from the industry as well as advocates.
- It is unlikely that we will be able to help much on the housing front in the current budget debate, and, as a result, we may face hard feelings from the housing constituency who already feel neglected by this Administration.

Please advise if you wish for me to submit a scheduling request for this meeting or there is other action you suggest I take. I did a simple follow up letter to Mr. Weiner thanking him for briefing me on his concerns.

Thank you.

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001. memo	To Leon Panetta from Patsy Fleming re: conference call with President's Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS (3 pages)	02/06/96	P5

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Carol Rasco (Meetings, Trips, Events)
OA/Box Number: 7461

FOLDER TITLE:

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Rhonda Young
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 6, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO LEON PANETTA, CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: PATSY FLEMING, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY

SUBJECT: Talking points for conference call with President's Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS

You are scheduled to speak by conference call with members of the President's Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS regarding the President's intention to sign S.1124, the National Defense Authorization Act. There are, as you know, very strong feelings about the presence of language requiring the discharge of all HIV-positive military personnel.

Participants

While all members of the 30-person council are invited to participate in the call, Council Chair Dr. Scott Hitt has indicated that five members have been designated to lead the discussion. They are:

- **Dr. Scott Hitt**, Council Chair and a practicing physician in Pacific Oaks CA. Dr. Hitt is also active in the gay/lesbian community and a close ally of David Mixner.
- **Benjamin Schatz** is Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association.
- **H. Alexander Robinson** is director of the American Civil Liberties Union's AIDS and Lesbian/Gay Rights Projects. Mr. Robinson is public about his HIV-positive status.
- **Debra Frazer-Howze** is President and CEO of the Black Leadership Commission on HIV and AIDS.
- **Robert Fogel** is a partner in the Chicago-based law firm of Hilfman and Fogel.
- **Bob Hattoy** is White House liaison to the Department of Interior. Mr. Hattoy spoke about his experience as a person living with HIV at the 1992 Democratic National Convention.

Key Issues

Council members are highly likely to ask you to ask the President to veto this legislation. While it has been made clear to them that this is unlikely, they feel very strongly that they need to convey that message to the President through you. They have asked that I share with you a copy of the attached "New Republic" editorial on this matter. They also would like you to address these concerns:

1. Why is the President signing this bill?

On this point, the Council members have been wholly unsatisfied with the reasons enunciated by the DoD and the NSC (chiefly, the pay raise, housing improvements, and acquisition reform). They may be looking more for the strategic reasons why he must sign the bill.

2. What is our strategy for seeking repeal of this provision?

The Council wants clear signs that this is a legislative priority of the President and the White House. They would like to know, for example, if Secretary Perry and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs will write to Congress on this matter and have suggested that you speak to the Democratic caucuses of the House and Senate.

3. What are we doing about benefits for service members and their families?

The Council wants to know that we will not leave these families dangling. You should know, however, that there is some countervailing feeling that we should not give our opponents an "easy out" by making discharge that much easier.

4. What is our strategy for handling legal issues related to this provision?

The key concerns here are whether the Department of Justice will help or hinder efforts to overturn this provision in the courts. As you know, there is a strong level of distrust in the gay/lesbian community because of DoJ's role in defending the ban on gays in the military and the decision not to file a brief in the Colorado case.

Key Points

- It is important to convincingly turn the anger of the community toward the Congress in general and Mr. Dornan in particular.
- You should make clear the President's absolute opposition to and disgust with this provision.
- It is vital to enunciate our intentions to seek rapid repeal of this provision and to discuss the personal role that you and the President will play in that effort.

- You should spell out, in no uncertain terms, our intention to provide full and complete benefits to these service members and their families.
- You should pledge our cooperation in legal efforts to stay or overturn this provision. You should point out that we have been consulting closely with legal groups concerned about this matter to make sure that what we say or do now helps their efforts later.
- You should make clear the Council's continuing role in this and other matters. They need to feel part of the process and in the loop.

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001. memo	To Carol Rasco from Julie Demeo re: FYI - East Prairie (1 page)	07/23/96	P5

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Rhonda Young
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

23-Jul-1996 03:10pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco
FROM: Julie E. Demeo
Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: FYI- East Prairie

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FOLDER TITLE:

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and Kathi Simpkins RE: East Prairie

Debbie Bush
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**REMARKS BY PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MEDICARE
THE U.S. CAPITOL
JULY 25, 1995**

[Acknowledgements: Vice President Gore for introduction; Eugene Glover, President, National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSC); Larry Smedley, retiring Executive Director, NCSC; Senator Kennedy; Senator Daschle; Congressman Dingell; Congressman Gephardt; Dr. Arthur Fleming and family; Genevieve "Mother" Johnson and family, 96-year-old seniors' advocate and president of NCSC's D.C. State Council of Senior Citizens]

Standing here in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol, we also stand in the light of all of you and so many others who worked so hard to create the great social contract we call Medicare.

We stand in the light of Franklin Roosevelt, who understood more than 60 years ago society's moral obligations to its elders.

We stand in the light of Harry Truman, who said more than 50 years ago that the time had come for action to help America's senior citizens attain the full measure of opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health.

We stand in the light of John F. Kennedy who would not live to see his dream of health security for older Americans realized.

We stand in the light of Lyndon Johnson, who on July 30, 1965 honored the memory of so many who had, inch by inch, moved us to the moment of victory. With the following words, President Johnson also honored millions of older Americans who had looked with such hope to that day. He said, "There are those, alone in suffering, who will now hear the sound of some approaching footsteps coming to help. There are those fearing the terrible darkness of despairing poverty -- despite their long years of labor and expectation -- who will now look up to see the light of hope and realization."

Thirty years ago the American people reached common ground on the need to provide guaranteed health security to older Americans. It is important to remember that before Medicare, 50 percent of the elderly had no health insurance and even more were underinsured. Older Americans who had fought our wars and built this country from the ground up found themselves having to choose between food and shelter and medical care. Men and women who had given a life-time to raising families and serving their communities were one illness away from total destitution. As the Vice President's father, Senator Al Gore, Sr. said in 1965, this was "a disgrace in a country such as ours."

The American people deserved better, and many of you in this room were directly responsible for crafting and passing what has become, along with Social Security, the most important legislation on behalf of American seniors in the history of this great country.

Today, 37 million older and disabled Americans carry a Medicare card that gives them access to the best health care in the world. Medicare has dramatically increased access to health care and has relieved older Americans of the terrible anxiety they suffered when they did not have health insurance and could not pay for their own care. We also know that Medicare has helped older Americans live longer, healthier lives. Medicare works. And it does something else which I have been working hard to promote for all Americans the past two-and-a-half years: It helps millions of citizens make the most of their God-given potential, not just in the first 65 years of life, but for as long as they live.

And let's not forget that America gave birth to twins in July of 1965. The same legislation that created Medicare also created Medicaid. And now, fully two-thirds of the Medicaid budget goes to care for older Americans and disabled citizens. Middle class families struggling to raise and educate their children, would face nursing home bills for their parents that average \$38,000 a year if it were not for this program. So we need to celebrate and recommit ourselves to Medicaid today too.

But, even as we gather in the light of celebration, there are those outside this room who would cast a dark shadow on the extraordinary progress we have made.

We are now at an historic moment, because for the first time in a long time, the leaders of both parties agree that for the health of our nation, we must balance the budget. And everybody knows we must get health care spending under control. I'm for a balanced budget. I'm for getting health care costs under control. But, there is right way and a wrong way to accomplish these goals.

The right way is what my Administration has been doing for the past two-and-a-half years. The economy is up, inflation is down, trade is expanding, interest rates and unemployment are down. We've cut the deficit by a third, and we're in the process of reducing it for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President.

At the same time, we have maintained and strengthened our investments in American families and in the things that will prepare us to compete and win in the global economy: education and training, college loans, research, and health care. But we must do more.

My balanced budget plan cuts spending by more than \$1 trillion. But, it doesn't place unnecessary and harsh burdens on those who can least afford to bear them. It is simply wrong to cut Medicare by \$270 billion to pay for a \$245 billion tax cut for the well-off. It is wrong to reduce coverage or coerce beneficiaries into managed care.

Medicare is currently a guaranteed benefit to 37 million older Americans. A person can take his or her Medicare card to virtually any doctor or hospital in this country to get the help they need.

The Republican plan would replace this benefit guarantee with a so-called "voucher" system. Under their voucher plan, beneficiaries who wish to keep their fee-for-service plan and a guarantee of their choice of doctor will have to pay significantly more. *If beneficiaries wanted to keep the fee-for-service plan, they would have to pay significantly more.*

~~The voucher option that Republicans offer would leave seniors to fend for themselves. They would have to accept a fixed amount of money, in the form of a voucher, which they would use to purchase health care private plans, which may not even be available in some parts of the country.~~

Let's be clear: Republican proposals to save \$270 billion through vouchers are not about Medicare reform -- they are about reducing federal spending at the expense of seniors. They say the voucher will create more choice. And it does look that way on the surface. But the truth is, in order for them to achieve the \$270 billion in savings, they are going to have to limit the growth of voucher payments to only 4.9 percent per year -- well below the CBO projection of a 7.1 percent annual increase in health care costs from 1996 to 2002. That means that every year, for every Medicare beneficiary, the cost of what they'll need to buy will grow faster than the value of the Republican voucher. So, seniors will either have to pay the difference out-of-pocket, or sign up for policies with inferior benefits. That's not choice, that's financial coercion.

Let's look at what these cuts will mean to the average citizen. Preliminary estimates by the Department of Health and Human Services show that by the year 2002, the Republican plan would increase out-of-pocket costs by tens of billions of dollars.

- In the year 2002 alone, the average Medicare recipient of skilled nursing home services would pay at least \$1400 more.
- Even worse, the average beneficiary receiving home health care services would pay at least \$1700 more.

Since 75 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have incomes below \$25,000, it's hard to imagine how they will be able to afford

these higher costs.

In human terms this means that a middle aged couple trying to juggle the expenses of putting their children through college and saving for their own retirement could be put at grave financial risk if their aging parents become sick and can no longer afford the care they need. For the elderly parents who worked hard all their lives, their pride and independence is shattered when they have to shift this burden to their children.

Under the Republican voucher plan, an elderly chronically ill man who has been seeing the same doctor for decades could be financially forced to join a managed care plan. Because the Republican plan constrains the growth in the voucher well below private sector health costs, his new benefit plan will erode and his costs will increase. Paying more to get less is not what the Medicare Contract is all about.

It is true that we have to reduce the rate at which Medicare costs are increasing, but we have to make sure that Medicare will be there, not only for the seniors of today, but for those of us who will be the seniors of tomorrow.

I presented a budget proposal that reaches balance in 10 years, while protecting Medicare beneficiaries from any new cost increases. It ensures the solvency of the Trust Fund and preserves coverage. Our plan also takes steps toward comprehensive health care reform. We make a real a commitment to prevention and long-term care. We make a much more aggressive pursuit of fraud and abuse. We propose real insurance reform.

We balance the budget and strengthen Medicare, not by slashing coverage to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy. We do it by protecting the interests of seniors.

The Republicans are saying that they have to make these drastic changes in order to protect the Medicare Trust Fund. But consider this: The Trust Fund is in better shape today than it was when I took office. My 1993 budget which strengthened the Medicare Trust Fund for an additional three years, didn't get one Republican vote. And in my balanced budget proposal I assure that payments for beneficiaries will be secure for at least the next decade. So, their argument is false. You don't have to decimate Medicare to save it. And you certainly wouldn't even need to be talking about putting older Americans at risk if it were not for their proposed \$245 billion tax cut for the well-off.

So I say, let's balance the budget, but let's do it in 10 years, not seven. Just three extra years will preserve the dreams of millions of Americans, and allow us to continue to invest in the education and health care priorities that all Americans support.

Let me close with this thought: We must not lose the common ground we stood upon together 30 years ago. I don't believe that any of us wants to turn back the clock to the days when older Americans were mostly poor, mostly sick, and mostly neglected.

There are twice as many older Americans today as there were 30 years ago. And 30 years from now we will have twice as many again. People over 65 are younger, healthier, better educated-- and more productive than ever -- thanks in large part to the miracle of Medicare. Our job is to make use of the accumulated experience, talents and wisdom of older Americans to make our country stronger in the future.

We can continue the progress we are celebrating today. We can expand opportunity and improve the quality of life for older Americans. We can solve the budget crisis and the health care crises. But, only if we continue to honor our 30 year contract with elderly and disabled Americans. I want to thank all of you who have led us this far. And I hope you will stay with us as we continue this journey to guarantee health security for the older Americans of today and the older Americans of tomorrow.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

To: Don Baer

MEDICARE SPEECH

-Dick Morris

This week we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the passage of Medicare legislation. This historic law provided basic protection for elderly Americans from the costs of illness and medical care.

Today, all elderly know that they will never grow sick and die for lack of ability to afford proper medical care. It was not always so. In the years leading up to the 1965 passage of Medicare, half?? of the elderly lacked insurance coverage and many were covered by plans more notable for their loopholes than for their protections.

Our parents came together and demanded the passage of Medicare, protecting their parents then and themselves now from medical costs. It took vision and generosity and courage and it took the joint efforts of Democrats and Republicans to take this historic step.

But now that common ground is in question again as good faith members of Congress seek to bridge the gap between our spending and our revenues and to balance the budget. In June, I proposed a ten year plan to balance the budget. At its core was the idea that we would ask providers of medicare services to reduce their costs of services by \$108 billion, while we asked beneficiaries to increase their share of these costs by only 16 billion.

But the Senate and the House passed a very different plan. They would achieve budgetary balance by asking \$135 billion from providers of service and an identical sum of \$135 from the elderly themselves. This increased contribution from the elderly threatens to make Medicare a safety net with huge holes eaten in its webbing by cuts, premiums, deductibles, and copayments.

And why must the Congressional budget come down so hard on the elderly beneficiaries while mine can afford to be so lenient? The difference between the contribution I ask of the elderly and the one they ask is \$119 billion. The difference between the tax cut they seek and the one I want is \$130 billion(?). If they cut taxes by as much as I want to cut taxes, we would not need the harsher Medicare cuts they propose. Its that simple.

This extra sum of cuts proposed by Congress does not just represent more contribution by beneficiaries, it raises, for the first time in thirty years, the real risk that hundreds of thousands of elderly will simply not be able to afford the medical care they need. And will not get it.

For example, the plan increases the premium the elderly must pay for doctor's or skilled nursing services by \$700 a year by the seventh year of its implementation. If you can afford the \$700, fine. If you can't you don't get the services. Today, 97% of the elderly pay the premium, but when the cost more than doubles, who knows?

The plan forces the elderly to pay \$1,000 deductible each year for the privilege of help in caring for themselves at home and avoiding institutionalization. If they can afford the money, fine. If not, they can't get the help.

The plan provides for vouchers the elderly will receive for a set amount each year, supposedly enough to buy medical insurance. Each year, the amount of the voucher is to increase by less than 5% in the hope that these market policies will succeed in holding down medical care costs. In the beginning, perhaps the vouchers will suffice to cover care costs, but in the years ahead, medical costs would have to remain usually flat for these vouchers to meet their burden.

If the vouchers are inadequate, the elderly must make up the difference out of their own pockets.

The vouchers may be fine for the healthy and younger elderly, but what of the older and the sicker? There is no clear provision to give a larger voucher for a patient with cancer than for one who is healthy. There is no clear provision to stop companies from turning people down based on their medical condition. There is no clear provision to stop companies from cutting people off when they get sick.

The plan provides for tax deductible medical IRAs which the elderly can use to amass savings to buy catastrophic insurance against high medical bills. But the plan provides that once you enter the IRAs, you cannot go into a hospital and get standard fee-for-service care. If you get sick and exhaust your resources and can't pay your premiums, you could be dropped from the insurance program and not be able to get fee for service care. You'd fall between the cracks and not get the care you need.

(I SEE THE NEXT PIECE AS THE SOUND BITE, SO LETS KEEP IT UNCLUTTERED TO GET ALL OF IT ON TV)

Can the elderly afford \$700 extra in premiums, more than double? Who knows?

Can they afford a \$1,000 deductible for home care? Who knows?

Will vouchers protect them if they get sicker against sudden premium increases? Who knows?

Will medical care costs stay sufficiently under control to permit the vouchers to cover full costs of care? Who knows?

One thing we do know. If this social experiment with Medicare fails, it is the elderly who will bet their lives.

And why must they bet their lives? Not to balance the budget, we can do that anyway. But the Congress cuts \$119 billion more than I want from Medicare to pay out \$130 billion more than I want in tax cuts. America must decide if that's worth it. I say no.
(END OF SOUND BITE - 50 seconds)

The right way to balance the budget is to cut the costs of medical care and therefore be able to bring down the amount we have to pay for medical care for the elderly. The best way to do this is to require insurance companies to cover those with pre existing conditions, to encourage preventative care, to encourage home care as an alternative to nursing homes, to let workers take insurance coverage with them when they change jobs.

We need to cut our reimbursement to hospitals by about 1% a year below its projected rate to encourage reduction of costs. We need to offer incentives so the elderly voluntarily choose to enter managed care.

And, most of all, we need to achieve these reductions over a decade and not try to compress them into seven years as Congress proposes.

So let us come back to the common ground we have all held for thirty years, let the Congress join me in four basic principles:

1. We must be sure that all elderly get medical care they can afford.

2. We must not cut Medicare just to have a bigger tax cut
3. We must reduce medical cost inflation over a decade and use these reductions to cut Medicare spending
4. We must not make the elderly pay more than they now pay in premiums.

I ask congress to affirm a principles Republican Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan, and Bush reaffirmed – the national consensus that we guarantee, with no ifs ands or buts, that the elderly get the medical care they need.

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3-8-95
MARION BERRY

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

RURAL SUMMIT

The plan is coming together. We need someone with more national knowledge of politics before finalizing plans.

FARM BILL

The Farm Bill effort is moving well, and should come to a conclusion in a timely manner.

There is a danger that the document will be leaked before the President agrees to it's contents. This will cause problems. It will cause problems for the confirmation for Congressman Glickman also.

ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Agriculture in this country generates 18% of the GDP. It should be included in all economic discussions and efforts. It has not been. The summit is scheduled for April 29th.

SECRETARY DESIGNATE

The department desperately needs a leader.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The present approach used by this administration, which is to continue the failed policies of the Carter administration in many cases, continue to cause major political problems. These political problems might be acceptable if it solved environmental problems. They do not. There is a need for a re-evaluation of the environmental policy. If the administration continues to ignore this it will be costly in 96'. Endangered Species Act and Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service head the list of problems.

The war on the west is escalating and in some cases becoming uncontrollable. There are several areas in the west where the potential exist of another Waco shoot-out. The threats of violence increases daily with USDA employees in the field. These problems arise over environmental issues and the way they are handled.

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

I am speaking to one or two groups daily. Most of the discussion is about the budget cuts and recision and how they affect us. These talks are well received.

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WEEKLY REPORT
3-1-95
MARION BERRY

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Senator Lugar has asked Dr. Laura Tyson to testify before his committee about farm policy. This is an effort to further divide the administration and increase disconnect. Ms. Tyson should not be involved for the administration in this capacity.

The up-coming economic summit, as it is planned needs to include the agriculture community. It is 18% of the economy. Regardless of what the Economic Report of the President said, food is a macroeconomic issue. Besides, it is the right thing to do.

The Secretary of Interior will hold a news conference on Monday. He will outline ten points to improve the Endangered Species Act. This will be viewed as a small band-aid on a very large wound.

The ESA issue gets larger daily. It now covers the entire country. It is no longer just a rural land owner issue. It is an opportunity for this administration to take off the black hat and put on the white one. The ESA as it is now administered, is like the Inquisition, the KGB, and Gestapo, all rolled into one. I have met with three groups this week from California alone. Each group wanted to talk about ESA and each consisted of a majority of non-agriculture business people.

This issue alone can determine the outcome of the major states in the west for 96'.

This is an area that needs regulatory reform very much. The proposed changes will not accomplish the needed reform.

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

I am meeting with farm groups from all over the country.

The above mentioned ESA and Farm Bill 95' is major topic of discussion. They are all very appreciative and supportive of the President's 96' budget.

WEEKLY REPORT
MARION BERRY
2-22-95

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

The fall out from the CEA report on the economy continues. This is from some of the administrations friends that were very helpful in GATT and NAFTA. They are very concerned that an attack on their industry should come from the White House, using such erroneous data.

The Department of Interior, through the Fish and Wildlife Service, has disregarded the agreement reached by the December 15th conclusion of the water quality standards negotiations in the Bay/Delta region of California. In this agreement, there was a commitment by FWS not to continue harassment of the water users with needless and non-scientific based request in the new water contracts. FWS later issued a Biologic Opinion that would require micro-management by FWS in the entire Central Valley eventually. The water users must sign the agreement by 2-28-95 or loose the water. This is a classic bureaucratic jamming move used by DOI to be as punitive and vindictive as possible. The requests are not based on logic or science. The request when implemented will accomplish nothing.

This is exactly the type of regulation and bad government that helped create the November 8th, 1994 election result. Apparently the DOI and its environmental constituents are committed to doing as much harm to the President as possible with these illogical proclamations, request and implementations.

We work on one hand to eliminate such things from government and on the other to create them and alienate as many people as possible in the process.

The Farm Bill 95' is progressing and will soon be on paper ready for review. Very few items are yet to be agreed upon.

The disconnect and anarchy grows daily within the Department of Agriculture. The confirmation of a Secretary will help to alleviate this.

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WEEKLY REPORT
MARION BERRY
1-11-95

STATUS OF KEY INITIATIVES

The Farm Bill 95' work appears to be stalled. I expect that it will begin to move in the next week or two. The recent budget effort probably helped side track the work on it.

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

The Secretary Designate is meeting with USDA staff and becoming familiar with the them and the issues they deal with. The effort appears to be going well at this point.

The Department of Agriculture is viewed by many to be the county ASCS office .With reorganization, these offices become the Consolidated Farm Service Agency. The reorganization effort in this area is not proceeding well. With an agency this large and entrenched you would expect some problems. The total lack of leadership that exist because of Undersecretary Moos is becoming a serious problem. We are attempting to deal with this, but it is difficult without a Secretary. The designee's staff is being included in the deliberations and we are anxious for confirmation to be completed, with the expectation that some rapid resolution will occur. These efforts are being held closely and carefully.

Also, the new Chief of Staff will become the point person for USDA in the Farm Bill 95' effort. His name is Greg Frasier.

The inclusion of Ellen Haas in the Welfare Reform discussion is much appreciated at USDA. As you know, she is quite knowledgeable in the area.

I will travel to Lubbock, Texas to make a speech to the Caprock Cotton Conference on Monday, January 16th and return on Tuesday. I understand west Texas is beautiful this time of year.

We are making an effort to promote the Middle Class Bill of Rights through USDA. It is being emphasized at all Sr. Staff meetings and will continue to be.

I spoke to Jeremy today about the invitation of former Secretary Espy to the Governors' dinner at the White House and suggested that Acting Secretary Rominger would be more appropriate. Secretary Espy has not seen his invitation and will not unless it is so directed by someone at the White House.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 3, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT RUBIN

FROM: BILL WHYMAN

SUBJECT: Jobs Conference Policy Surprises

We need to be ready for a number of policy surprises that could arise at the Jobs conference. Though we will make all efforts to ensure that surprises do not happen, we know some of the countries have different views from our own. My major concern is that a proposal from one of the countries, would go against the domestic agendas of the others (including us), who are all planning one domestic reform or another. In such a case, it could set off a chain reaction, where Ministers are concerned the message coming out of the conference could be used against them back at home.

Even prickly allies like the Brits, who generally agree with us, could get very upset in such a chain reaction. Most likely surprises include.

1. French views linking trade to labor standards. The French have at various times argued that other countries engage in "social dumping" as they do not have labor, environmental, and social standards comparable to Europe. Proposals include linking trade access to meeting labor and other social standards. Often this is directed against the Asians. We have not made up our own minds on labor standards issues (we need to sort this out before, if possible). The argument also comes in a number of other protectionist packaging, which complicate our trade position.
2. Mandatory work sharing. Some in France and others in Europe have proposed mandatory sharing of jobs as a response to unemployment. This idea and other "mandatory" programs pose government as highly intrusive in the economy, igniting business fears. Mandates clearly are a sensitive issue for us. More broadly, we want to create more jobs and growth, not ration what we have.
3. Blame or leave out the developing countries. The conference could be criticized as the "rich country club" getting together to solve their unemployment problems, excluding or working to the detriment of the rest of the world. Combined with French noises about "social dumping," this could send a bad message.
4. Labor strikes/action. Currently the big German metalworkers union is striking. This could still be going on at the time of the conference. Labor action going on in Europe (or elsewhere) could dramatically change the tone and public backdrop

for the conference. We could try to argue this shows how right on the President was in calling for the conference. This is unpredictable at best.

5. The Japanese fear "protectionist" policies at the conference. They are apoplectic that the "over-representation of Europeans" in the G-7 (read France) may lead to views that Western unemployment is due to Asian (Japanese) unfair trade practices. Our own trade impasse and super 301 position make them even more uneasy--especially in Detroit.

6. Social taxes. Because payroll taxes have drive up the non-wage costs to employers, it has become as an obstacle to job creation. The EU has proposed an "environmental tax," to finance programs instead. Although we disagree with this "tax shifting," the greater problem is not the substance, but that we don't want the message coming out of the conference to be tax increases.

In addition, we have the general problem of the conference not producing a big "outcome." Given the diversity of views within the G-7 about responding to change (as Major told you), quick agreement on anything big is unlikely.

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December 12, 1996

cc
Carol Rasco?
long comment

MEMO TO: MIKE

FROM: WATSON

RE: National Liver Transplant Organ Allocation

Mike, you and I have visited over this matter so many times that I feel like you have a good grasp of it. In short, the day that Jean Ann was transplanted I made a commitment to do everything I could do to promote organ transplantation and organ donation. As you know, I have spent countless hours working through the United Network for Organ Sharing frame work in order to keep my commitment.

In January, 1993, the University of Pittsburgh hired Wright, Lindsey & Jennings to lobby the Clinton Administration, i.e. Bruce Lindsey and the Department of Health and Human Services to mandate a change to the liver allocation policy which would favor its program. The bottom line is centralization of transplant centers with more regional and national mandatory sharing of organs versus local primacy where local centers get the first shot at organs they procure. For a couple of years the status quo rocked along as UNOS studied the issue but this year, after extensive modeling efforts by the Pritzker Corporation, it was determined that no new system is better than the old system. During the election a gentlemen named David Matter, who was a classmate of the President at Georgetown and supposedly handled his election for student government President, wrote President Clinton at the instance of the University of Pittsburgh, one of his prime construction company clients. The President wrote a handwritten note to Donna Shalala and DHS reacted by setting hearings to determine what the appropriate liver allocation program should be and whether the government should usurp UNOS's traditional role of setting policy for organ allocation.

In my judgment, this action is wrong. Walter Graham, Jean Ann and I met with Carol Rasco and Chris Jennings, the President's Healthcare Policy Advisor, on December 2, 1996. We took a letter to Carol from Jim Guy Tucker, a letter to the President from Jim Guy Tucker. Carol promised to communicate with the President and get back to me. She has not. If possible, find out if the President knows what is going on and 1) whether he intends to give me 5 minutes of his time to discuss the issue, and/or 2) access to appropriate administration officials to argue my side, and/or 3) ignore my position in this matter. Any help you can give me would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

AWB

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WEEKLY REPORT
MARION BERRY
2-2-94

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Met with SCS officials about flood levees that are in need of repair. Concluded that the money is available to fix levees, only bureaucrats causing public money and policy to punish citizens rather than help. I think this has come about because of skilled manipulation by U. S. Army Corp. of Engineers, OMB, AND EPA. It is wrong and should be corrected.

Met with National Cooperative Business Association, and the bank affiliated with it and talked about health care. This is a very republican group (why are all farm groups so republican) and they had more or less concluded on their own that the President's plan was not only good but they were generally supporting it. I was pleasantly surprised.

Met with following trade groups to talk about issues concerning them: National Pork Producers, National Council of Business Cooperatives, Native Americans for Religious Freedom Coalition, World Watch Institute, Sunkist Cooperatives, Land-O-Lakes Cooperatives, USDA Senior staff.

The only problem worthy of mention was the native American's concern about passage of SB1021 and other problems. Donsia and I are working on the administration's position on bill and hope to conclude soon. Largely another case of bureaucratic insensitivity.

USDA re-organization bill will be marked-up on Tuesday 8th, in Congressman's Stenholm's committee. Meat inspection and safety continue to be controversial, Med-fly spraying also controversial. BST use in dairy cows beginning to get controversial for no reason. Another BIP (bureaucratically induced problem).

Farmers Home Administration made news because of bad lending practices caused by past administration's and congress's poor judgement and attempts to help people in the wrong way. The program needs to be abolished. I need direction as to pursue or not. My suggestion would be to meet with Bob Nash and make plans to introduce in the new farm bill.

WEEK AHEAD:

I will continue to work on Native American bill and problems.

I will attempt to meet with Bob Nash concerning FmHA, Empowerment zones and their implementation.

I will travel to McAllen, Texas, for meeting on Empowerment Zones.

I will meet with Farmer Mac president to discuss problems with the organization and how administration may help.

I will attend Congressman's Stenholm's sub-committee for mark-up of re-organization bill.

I will try to help Joel Berg get National Service plan for USDA to the Secretary's attention. He needs the help because it just does not get through.

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03-Jun-1994 01:24pm

TO: Rosalyn A. Miller

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: weekly report

Page 2:

Omit the paragraph that starts "Marion thinks...." We must never include something that inflammatory, esp. when no one from our staff has first told me personally of any such allegations.

Omit the paragraph "He will be attending a meeting of the Education,....." This is an ongoing group and we don't need to report the attendance unless there is something substantive to report from the meetings.

Page 3:

Bottom item about Jose attending the OMB sponsored meeting. Omit that paragraph as written and include a sentence at very top of items in "Week in Review" that states: The DPC and NEC program staff members attended an OMB sponsored meeting on the appropriations process.

Page 4:

Take out the paragraph that starts "The confusion concerning tobacco...."

Take out next paragraph that starts "Marion Berry met...." and put "Marion Berry met at the request of Phil Lader with a group seeking to change the method of wrapping hay which in turn would infuse the net income of the American farmer."

Next paragraph regarding the Farm Bill should be deleted...I will work on that issue to get something rolling this next week.

Thanks.

June 2, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR MACK MCLARTY, THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM: CAROL H. RASCO
DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK OF JUNE 2 THROUGH JUNE 8, 1994

KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Crime Conference officially began after the Memorial Day recess, and the Administration's detailed views on the crime bill will be sent to the Hill and made public.

THE WEEK AHEAD

I along with other WH staff will meet with HHS officials on the Florida Waiver on Thursday, June 2.

HHS will provide an update on the immunization issue for DPC and other WH staff on Thursday, June 2.

I will travel to Boston to address the American Association on Mental Retardation on Friday, June 3.

Bruce, Kathi and Jeremy will continue to work on the final points of the welfare reform plan.

On Thursday, June 2, Jose Cerda will met with representatives from the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

On Friday, June 3, he will meet with representatives from the AIDS office to discuss needle exchange programs.

Kathi, Jeremy, Steve and Donsia will attend a meeting regarding the financing provisions of welfare reform as relates to immigrants.

Donsia will continue to participate in meetings regarding legislation which would move many agency EEO offices and responsibilities to the EEOC.

Marion thinks that the NEC will attempt to take over the Farm Bill process any way possible. Marion also thinks that if this happens, it would make the effort much more painful and chaotic.

The Social Security bills -- independent agency and nanny tax -- are heading to conference in June. HHS has prepared draft language for the administration's conference position which we will be reviewing this week with OMB. Of particular concern is ensuring that provisions limiting aid to those disabled because of substance abuse are reasonably drafted. A meeting is being scheduled to begin planning for a signing ceremony hopefully in late June.

The first regular meeting of the policy group of the Interagency Council on the Homeless since the release of the plan will take place on June 7th. We are also scheduling a meeting with Andrew Cuomo to discuss the future operation of the Council for the week of the 6th.

Mike Schmidt will be meeting with Department of Labor and a number of other agency representatives on the issue of Learning Technology and Learning Productivity.

Mike will be meeting with representatives of the Department of Justice, Department of Interior, and various WH staff on the issue of Indian Gaming and the upcoming amendments to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) that Senator Inouye will be releasing during the week of June 15.

He will be attending a meeting of the Education, Training, and Reemployment Policy Working Group.

Mike Schmidt will attend a meeting at the DoD's Institute for Defense Analysis to look at some of the education/training technologies that DoD has developed and used that could be transferred to the civilian sector.

PRESS

I met and discussed budget issues and general DPC issues with Susan Garland of BUSINESS WEEK.

CONGRESS

Senator Inouye will be introducing amendments to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) on June 15.

Senator Heflin plans to hold a hearing on the EEOC Consolidated Harassment Guidelines. He will invite EEOC to testify.

WEEK IN REVIEW

I met with members of the AIDS Action Council.

I met with John Kitzhaber (Oregon candidate for Governor) and other WH staff.

I joined other WH staff for a meeting on territories.

I met with Public Health Service officials from HHS regarding the AIDS effort.

Bruce, Kathi and Jeremy continued to work with OMB and HHS on completion of the welfare reform plan and began working on the rollout. Legislative language is in OMB clearance this week.

Donsia delivered the Commencement address for the Oneida Tribal School graduation.

Donsia also attended the Commission on Immigration Reform's hearing in Chicago which was more positive than others.

Paul Weinstein reports on Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) -- POTUS approved selection process memo. The memo is being sent out to the agencies this week.

Community Development Banks and Financial Institutions (CDBFI) -- The Conference remains stalled. Working with Treasury to reach agreement on BEA (Flake Amendment) and other outstanding issues.

Individual Development Accounts -- Final draft language is now in OMB review process.

Mike Schmidt met with DOI, DOJ, and various WH staff on the issue of Indian Gaming and upcoming amendments to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

He continued to work with OSTP, NEC, DOD, and DOL on the Learning Productivity/Learning Technology issue.

He also met with representatives of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to discuss a proposal for Tribal economic development.

On Thursday, May 26, Jose Cerda joined Carol and other DPC staff at the OMB-sponsored meeting on the appropriations process.

On Friday, May 27, Jose met with agency staff to finalize a consensus set of talking points on the crime bill and prevention programs. Also, he met with the Vice President's staff to talk about his upcoming trip to Los Angeles.

On Wednesday, June 1, he worked with OMB, Justice and Treasury to finalize a letter stating the Administration's views on exempting federal law enforcement officers from the workforce reduction plan.

He continues to work with the agencies on the final version of the crime conference letter. A second version of the letter was circulated by OMB yesterday for final clearance.

Steve worked on religious harassment guideline issues as part of identification of EEOC nomination hearing policy issues.

Steve worked on alternative dispute resolution Presidential directive.

Jeremy Ben-Ami met with advocacy organizations interested in the teen pregnancy components of the welfare reform plan. They were interested in, and supportive of, some of the programs we are proposing including the school based teen centers, but were adamant in their opposition to the family cap.

The SSI Reengineering team has extended the comment period for an additional two weeks. The period will end June 15th, at which time the SSA Commissioner is expected to make recommendations on how to proceed. He has asked for a briefing as soon as SSA is ready to discuss its plans.

Marion Berry had several meetings concerning the transition of duties for supervising appointments of personnel at USDA.

The confusion concerning tobacco and possible action to help this industry grows. USDA trade people received a call from Barbara Chow in Legislative Affairs asking why they had not moved on the Article 28 action for tobacco. Their instructions were to hold any activity of this type until instructed by the White House to move. This continues to be the USDA/USTR course of action. If this has changed, he needs to know it.

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WEEKLY REPORT

6-1-94

MARION BERRY

WEEK IN REVIEW

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I prepared information for the Vice-President to brief him for a meeting with Senator Ford of Kentucky about tobacco.

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I leave today for Philadelphia to make a speech to the Biofuels Research Task Force. This is a group in USDA that conducts research on ethanol use and other alternative fuel and environmental needs.

WEEK AHEAD

I expect that the next week will involve tobacco activity.

I expect that there will be more activity on the farm bill.

I think that the NEC will attempt to take over this process any way possible. I also think that for this to happen, would make the effort much more painful and chaotic. NEC needs to back off and give the Secretary of Agriculture some space.

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September 15, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA

FROM: Carol Rasco

SUBJECT: Weekly Report - September 9 - 14, 1994

THE WEEK AHEAD

The search for a National AIDS Coordinator is ongoing.

HHS will provide a briefing on immunization for myself and other White House staff.

Jeremy Ben-Ami and I will meet with Alice Rivlin and Shirley Chater to discuss the issue of children's social security disability.

As chairs of the Women's Policy Group, Alexis Herman, Doris Matsui and I will meet with the agency co-chairs to discuss agenda items for the group's first meeting on September 20.

Kathi Way will head up a delegation on Federal agency representatives traveling to Oregon to discuss the Federal/State partnership for the Oregon Benchmarks project. HHS, OMB, Commerce, Justice, USDA, Education, NPR and Labor will also be represented on the trip.

Marion Berry will speak to the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Marion will attend a conference in Chestertown, Maryland, on Sustainable Agriculture; and he will also attend an Agriculture Briefing Conference in Fresno, California. He states that since the California issue continues to be a problem politically for the Administration, we need to get control of the Department of Interior concerning the issue.

Gaynor McCown met with Ann Rosewater (HHS) regarding report on Comprehensive Strategies for Children and Families. She also met with Margaret Dunkle of the Institute for Educational Leadership to develop plans for an October 4 meeting.

On Thursday, Jose Cerda will meet with Rana Sampson, a former DPC White House Fellow, to discuss miscellaneous community policing issues.

Bruce, Jose and I continue to work with Justice on crime bill implementation issues. Also, Jose will continue the dialogue with Treasury, State and NSC on what might happen with the importation of Russian firearms at the Yelstin Summit.

~~Mike Schmidt will work with NEC, OSTP, and OVP to continue to follow-up on the August 11 meeting of the ETR.~~

Mike continues to attend and speak at a series of Inter-governmental Affairs briefings for Tribal leaders on economic development issues that affect Indian country. He met with Tribal leaders from Arizona and California this week, and will be meeting with leaders from Tribes in the Midwest and South next week.

Mike will travel to Seattle to make a presentation to the American Indian Trade and Development Council Conference on Economic Development. He will be discussing Administration Native American policy initiatives.

Mike will meet with ETR agency program representatives to discuss the progress of the ETR subgroup on learning productivity and expected future actions of this group.

CONGRESS

At the request of Congressman Gary Ackerman, I met with representatives of the Bennett X-ray Technologies. This firm has developed new wheel chair accessible mammography equipment.

Bill Galston met with Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell's office regarding religious freedom issues.

REGULATORY ACTION

The State of Florida has been granted a health care waiver to extend health care insurance to low income families currently without coverage.

PRESS

Bill Galston met with the following:

- Dana Miller, Nightline, on values and character issues.
- Jack Farrell, Boston Globe, regarding family issues.
- David Wessell, Wall Street Journal.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

I addressed the Junior League of Little Rock in Arkansas during their first meeting of the year; I also toured the National Center for the Toxicological Research in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

and the Pine Bluff Arsenal
I participated in meetings on the crime bill implementation, urban policy, and disability issues.

A meeting was held with representatives from HHS, OMB, USDA, and DPC to discuss state waiver applications for health care and welfare reform.

Marion attended planning meetings for the Rural Summit schedule for December 1, 1994. ~~It is progressing well~~ He and Brian Burke will serve on the committees to identify issues and procedure.

Marion met with the following:

- This goes under Congress*
- Congressman Cal Dooley to discuss California Water and Agriculture.
 - Adela Backeo and Dean Boe of Forest Service on Range issues.

Marion has spent time with constituent problems as follows:

- The plum producers have a problem getting their produce into Mexico. The problem is near resolution.
- The Soil Conservation Service made the agriculture community in Arkansas very unhappy when it decided to move the State Conservationist to Alabama; this also up the Arkansas Congressional delegation.
- The Central Valley/western water issues are the subject of a memo he will forward soon.
- The Cherry Marketing Order request that is important to Senate race in Michigan has taken some time and it is not resolved.
- The Rural Electric Co-ops have a problem with the appropriation of their territories after they become developed by the nearest municipal system. Marion continues to monitor this, along with the action taken by USDA and Justice.

Bill participated in the Working Group for the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Bill participated in the NEGP Working Group Meeting.

He participated in Department of Education meeting with Secretary Riley concerning the reauthorization of the Individual with Disability Education Act (IDEA).

Jose met with White House Counsel, OMB, Cabinet Affairs, and ONDCP to discuss how to best deal with the Cabinet's concerns about ONDCP's new powers.

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September 15, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA

FROM: Carol Rasco

SUBJECT: Weekly Report - September 9 - 14, 1994

THE WEEK AHEAD

The search for a National AIDS Coordinator is ongoing.

HHS will provide a briefing on immunization for myself and other White House staff.

Jeremy Ben-Ami and I will meet with Alice Rivlin and Shirley Chater to discuss the issue of children's social security disability.

As chairs of the Women's Policy Group, Alexis Herman, Doris Matsui and I will meet with the agency co-chairs to discuss agenda items for the group's first meeting on September 20.

Kathi ^{WAM} will head up a delegation on Federal agency representatives traveling to Oregon to discuss the Federal/State partnership for the Oregon Benchmarks project. HHS, OMB, Commerce, Justice, USDA, Education, NPR and Labor will also be represented on the trip.

Marion ^{peru} will speak to the National Association of Conservation Districts.

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Mike Schmidt will work with NEC, OSTP, and OVP to continue to follow-up on the August 11 meeting of the ETR.

Mike continues to attend and speak at a series of Inter-governmental Affairs briefings for Tribal leaders on economic development issues that affect Indian country. He met with Tribal leaders from Arizona and California this week, and will be meeting with leaders from Tribes in the Midwest and South next week.

Mike will travel to Seattle to make a presentation to the American Indian Trade and Development Council Conference on Economic Development. He will be discussing Administration Native American policy initiatives.

Mike will meet with ETR agency program representatives to discuss the progress of the ETR subgroup on learning productivity and expected future actions of this group.

CONGRESS

At the request of Congressman Gary Ackerman, I met with representatives of the Bennett X-ray Technologies. This firm has developed new wheel chair accessible mammography equipment.

Bill Galston met with Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell's office regarding religious freedom issues.

REGULATORY ACTION

The State of Florida has been granted a health care waiver to extend health care insurance to low income families currently without coverage.

PRESS

Bill Galston met with the following:

- Dana Miller, Nightline, on values and character issues.
- Jack Farrell, Boston Globe, regarding family issues.
- David Wessell, Wall Street Journal.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

I addressed the Junior League of Little Rock in Arkansas during their first meeting of the year; I also toured the National Center for the Toxicological Research in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

I participated in meetings on the crime bill implementation, urban policy, and disability issues.

A meeting was held with representatives from HHS, OMB, USDA, and DPC to discuss state waiver applications for health care and welfare reform.

Marion Berry attended ^{planning} ~~meetings to plan~~ ^{for} the Rural Summit on December 1, 1994. It is progressing well and he and Brian Burke will serve on the committees to identify issues and procedure.

Marion met with the following:

- Congressman Cal Dooley to discuss California Water and Agriculture.
- Adela Backeo and Dean Boe of Forest Service on Range issues.

Marion has spent time with constituent problems as follows:

- The plum producers have a problem getting their produce into Mexico. The problem is near resolution.
- The Soil Conservation Service made the agriculture community in Arkansas very unhappy when it decided to move the State Conservationist to Alabama; this also up the Arkansas Congressional delegation.
- The Central Valley/western water issues are the subject of a memo he will forward soon.
- The Cherry Marketing Order request that is important to Senate race in Michigan has taken some time and it is not resolved.
- The Rural Electric Co-ops have a problem with the appropriation of their territories after they become developed by the nearest municipal system. Marion continues to monitor this, along with the action taken by USDA and Justice.

Bill participated in the Working Group for the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Bill participated in the NEGP Working Group Meeting.

He participated in Department of Education meeting with Secretary Riley concerning the reauthorization of the Individual with Disability Education Act (IDEA).

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RE: Weekly Report

Key Department News: No major news.

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WEEKLY REPORT
12-7-94
MARION BERRY

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Issues for Immediate Attention

I traveled to Monterey, California last week to evaluate the science for the determination of the water quality standards to be set by EPA for the Bay/Delta Region. This has the potential for many political and economic problems.

The economic/environmental problems are subjects of much debate and controversy. The science that EPA (CLUB FED) is trying to use, along with the economic assessment is very poor. That is treating it with respect. It is actually terrible. If the government takes that much water from the beneficial uses of the cities and agriculture for the reasons that have been made available to me in many hours of study and research, we have a case of government at it's worst. There is a good chance of creating yet another spotted owl situation. The ag-urban people have devised a plan that is reasonable and should be adopted.

If CLUB FED comes out with a rule that requires more contribution by the ag-urban plan, Governor Wilson will make much political hay, and he should. The logic behind what the CLUB FED wants to do is little more than "I want it and therefore I should have it."

The personnel issues at USDA become more difficult to manage daily. Part of the problem is that there is no longer a defined process. Everyone is making end runs to White House personnel. I expect it to deteriorate before it improves.

EPA, Fish and Wildlife Service, and USDA met today to discuss the possibility of a rule making for Endangered Species Pesticide Protection Program. This is a great opportunity for government to put a volunteer program together that will be implemented with existing agencies. If it is done in the traditional way it will be yet another ESA/EPA/FWS train wreck and very likely be done away with by congress like the worker protection standards were.

External Activities

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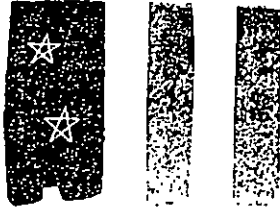
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Comments: Pat - Per our conversation, the following is the article
that Mr. Burke has been advised to call the President directly
on. (He has been advised that the President is very angry and
wanted to run it by Ms. Rasco first.) As I mentioned he can
be reached either directly at his home on LI (516) 537-3456 or
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FAX TO: (202) 456-2878 Denise

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